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- 2. Copy of the German Search Report citing the known prior art. An English translation of the German Search Report form for the Examiner's convenience; and
- 3. Return Receipt Postcard.

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